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## **Local Jails and Detention Centers Across Maryland Receive Nearly Half a Million Dollars in Grant Funding for Technology Upgrades**

Baltimore, MD – The Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) has awarded \$478,842 in federal funding to thirteen jurisdictions to replace aging computers, security equipment and make other improvements in local jails and detention centers. The upgrades allow detention centers to increase safety, update officer training procedures and provide better programs for inmates.

“These grants allow jurisdictions to make efficient use of their local tax dollars,” said Christopher B. Shank, Executive Director of GOCCP. “It’s a win-win situation for everyone: the jail and detention centers get the hardware, software and other tools they need, and local jurisdictions have more cash in their budgets to spend on other community needs.”

“Technology moves quickly, and we have an obligation to ensure our local jails and detention centers are kept up to date,” said Lt. Daniel Lasher, the President of the Maryland Correctional Administrators Association and the Operational Director of the Allegany County Detention Center. “You don’t want to be negligent because there’s technology out there that you have not taken advantage of.”

The grants pay for such things as iPads and monitors used for training, computers for officer stations and rugged cases that protect computers used in cruisers, as well as keyboards, wireless extensions, cables and adapters and security cameras, depending on the needs of a specific jurisdiction. The funding is provided through the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants program, a federal grant program that supports a broad range of state and local criminal justice initiatives.

The agencies receiving grant funding are listed on the following page.

## 2015 JAIL/DETENTION CENTER TECHNOLOGY GRANTS

Implementing Organization	Award Amount
Anne Arundel County Dept. of Detention Facilities	\$40,240
Allegany County Detention Center	\$31,271
Baltimore County Department of Corrections	\$69,392
Charles County Sheriff's Office	\$48,819
Frederick County Detention Center	\$50,000
Garret County Jail/Detention Center	\$19,162
Howard County Department of Corrections	\$21,992
Montgomery County Department of Corrections	\$30,000
Prince George's County Department of Corrections	\$50,640
St. Mary's County Detention Center	\$27,047
Talbot County Detention Center	\$35,488
Washington County Detention Center	\$23,791
Wicomico County Department of Corrections	\$31,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$478,842</b>

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